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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

--This application is a ~~divisional~~ continuation-in-part of United States patent application number 09/978,595 filed October 18, 2001 and claims priority from Canadian patent application number 2,324,048 filed October 20, 2000. The contents of these prior applications are incorporated herein by reference.--